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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTING FINE CARBON COMPOSITE POWDER,  
CATALYST FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL BATTERY AND FUEL  
BATTERY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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21. (New) Carbon powder having a primary particle size of 100 nm or less and an X-ray crystallite plane spacing  $C_0$  of less than 0.680 nm, and having a boron content in a range of 0.001 to 5% by mass.

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